

**Amendments to the Claims:**

1. **(Currently amended)** A portable device, comprising:

a camera section having an optical axis and being capable of capturing an image of an object in an image-capturing direction parallel to the optical axis;

a display capable of displaying the image captured by the camera section;

a first case having a first surface and a second surface opposite to the first surface, the first surface having the display provided therein;

a second case that can be positioned over the second surface of the first case;

a rotation axis section supporting the second case to the first case rotatably about a rotation axis perpendicular to the first surface of the first case, the rotation axis section accommodating the camera section, the optical axis being parallel to the rotation axis, the image-capturing direction being directed from the first surface of the first case to the second surface of the first case; and

an operation section ~~operates~~ configured to operate at least one of the camera section and the display, the operation section being provided at a portion of the first surface of the first case opposite to the image-capturing direction of the rotation axis of the rotation axis section.

2. **(Original)** The portable device according to claim 1, wherein the camera section is fixed for the first case.

3. **(Original)** The portable device according to claim 1, wherein the camera section is fixed for the second case.

4. **(Original)** The portable device according to claim 1, further comprising:  
a position detector for detecting a relative position of the second case with respect to the first case; and

a controller for changing a display orientation of the display according to the detected relative position.

5. **(Original)** The portable device according to claim 1, wherein the operation section includes a plurality of keys for operating at least one of the camera section and the display, the portable device further comprising:

a position detector for detecting a relative position of the second case with respect to the first case; and

a controller for allocating functions to the keys of the operation section according to the detected relative position.

6. **(Original)** The portable device according to claim 1, further comprising a stopper for stopping rotation of the second case against the first case at a predetermined angle.

7. **(Currently amended)** The portable device according to claim 1, further comprising a stopper for stopping rotation of the second case ~~against~~relative to the first case at a plurality of predetermined angles.

8. **(Original)** The portable device according to claim 1, wherein a width of the second case in a direction substantially parallel to a rotation direction of the rotation axis is smaller than a width of the first case in the direction substantially parallel to the rotation direction.

9. **(Original)** The portable device according to claim 1, wherein the first case is placed in a direction substantially parallel to a rotation direction of the rotation axis, and the first case has a side surface having a recess formed therein.

10. **(Original)** The portable device according to claim 1, further comprising a projection for providing a gap between the first case and the second case in a direction parallel to the rotation axis.

11. **(Original)** A portable device comprising:

a camera section having an optical axis and being capable of capturing an image of an object in an image-capturing direction parallel to the optical axis;

a first case having a first surface and a second surface opposite to the first surface;

a second case that can be positioned over the second surface of the first case; and

a hinge section supporting the second case to the first case rotatably about a first rotation axis perpendicular to the first surface of the first case and about a second rotation axis perpendicular to the first rotation axis, the hinge section accommodating the camera section, the optical axis being parallel to the first rotation axis, and the image-capturing direction is directed from the first surface of the first case to the second surface of the first case.

12. **(Original)** The portable device according to claim 11, further comprising an operation section for operating at least one of the camera section and the display, the operation section being provided at a portion of the first surface of the first case opposite to the image-capturing direction of the first rotation axis of the rotation axis section.

13. **(Original)** The portable device according to claim 11, further comprising a display capable of displaying the image captured by the camera section, the display being provided at one of the first case and the second case.

14. **(Original)** The portable device according to claim 13, further comprising:

a position detector for detecting a relative position of the second case with respect to the first case; and

a controller for changing a display orientation of the display according to the detected relative position.

15. **(Original)** The portable device according to claim 13, further comprising:  
a display selection switch; and  
a controller for changing an orientation of an image displayed on the display according to a state of the display selection switch.

16. **(Original)** The portable device according to claim 13, wherein the display is provided at a surface of the second case that can face the second surface of the first case.

17. **(Original)** The portable device according to claim 13, further comprising a switch provided on the second case near the display.

18. **(Currently amended)** The portable device according to claim 11, further comprising a stopper for stopping rotation of the second case ~~against relative to~~ the first case about the second rotation axis at a plurality of angles.

19. **(Currently amended)** The portable device according to claim 11, further comprising a stopper for stopping rotation of the second case ~~against relative to~~ the first case about the first rotation axis at a plurality of angles.

20. **(Original)** The portable device according to claim 11, further comprising a projection for providing a gap between the first case and the second case in a direction parallel to the first rotation axis.

21. **(Original)** The portable device according to claim 11, wherein the camera section is fixed for the second case.

22. **(Original)** The portable device according to claim 11, further comprising a switch provided at the first case, the switch being activated when the second case is placed over the second surface of the first case.

23. **(Original)** The portable device according to claim 11, wherein a width of the second case in a direction substantially parallel to a rotation direction of the first rotation axis is smaller than a width of the first case in the direction substantially parallel to the rotation direction.

24. **(Original)** The portable device according to claim 11, wherein the first case is placed in a direction substantially parallel to a rotation direction of the first rotation axis, and the first case has a side surface having a recess formed therein.

25. **(Currently amended)** The portable device according to claim 11, further comprising a stopper for stopping rotation of the second case against relative to the first case about the second rotation axis at a predetermined angle.

26. **(Currently amended)** The portable device according to claim 11, further comprising a stopper for stopping rotation of the second case against relative to the first case about the first rotation axis at a predetermined angle.